



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may know every term we hold a prize draw for attendance and punctuality. Classes have a ticket entered into the draw every time they are attendance or punctuality winners. If a class has 100% attendance for the week they have two tickets entered. This term's prize draw winners were Shark and Stingray classes who attended a Christmas party hosted by Variety at Coram Fields. The classes enjoyed a pantomime performance and had an opportunity to learn some circus skills. The opportunity to get tickets entered into the next draw has already begun so please continue to help your child with making sure that they are in school 'every day and on time!' Thank you.

Sue Ferguson

More Sporting Success!



Last week 8 pupils from years 5 and 6 took part in a Basketball competition against other schools. They played to an exceptional standard, winning two of their group games and drawing in the last. As a result the team secured a position in the semi-finals which they also won. Sadly they were one basket short of winning the final. Well done to Adrian, Nandi, Emanuel, Mayowa, Domas, Armantas, Guinevere and Dorinda for bringing home the runners up trophy.



This week we sent out two teams of 8 pupils from years 5 and 6 to take part in a Handball competition. Both teams played well as a team and showed great sportsmanship throughout the competition.



Unfortunately Team B did not manage to secure a place in the semi-finals; however Team A won all of

their groups games and secured their position. In a gruelling extra time of the semi-finals Team A managed to score two more goals which pushed them through to the finals. An extremely tough game followed where we conceded two goals. Well done to Team A for bringing home the runners up trophy. Team A – Luka, Feyi, Domas, Micah, Tyrese, Amanda, Dorinda and Frankie. Team B – Viktorija, Selasie, Bhekhi, Alex, Ryan, Adrian, Andrei and Anjola.

Christmas Disco – Thursday 8th December

Times:

Rec, 1, 2 & 3 **3.45 – 5.00pm** (*Reception parents only may choose to stay with their Child.*)

Years 4, 5 & 6 **5.15 – 6.30pm** (*Sorry - no parents.*)

Tickets: Available in the playground from 1st December at the start and end of school. Please note price is **£1.50** (*apologies for last week's typo!*)

Access: Access is from the hall doors in the playground.

Also on sale: Snacks, drinks and glow bands for sale during the event (please bring change if possible).

Other Information

- **Please note all children must be collected from school at 3.15 as usual.** Children who are not collected will not be allowed to attend the event and ticket money will be refunded.
- Clubs will not run on this day. An extra date will be added.
- Please collect your child promptly as we have only 15 minutes between the two events and staff are giving up their own time so these events can take place.
- Please note both discos are **NO PHOTOGRAPHY** events (this includes mobile phones).





Nativity performances

Listed below are details of our upcoming nativity performances. Times given are when the performance starts, mince pies and teas and coffee are available before each performance, so come and join us for some festive cheer!

Tuesday 13th December – Years 1 & 2 @ 2.30 p.m

(Please use main pupil gate which will open at 2pm and come to the hall).

Wednesday 14th December – Reception & morning nursery @ 10.40 a.m.

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(For both performances please use main pupil gate in the playground which will open at 10.10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and then come to the hall).



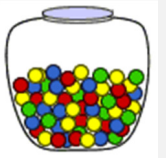
Christmas Lunch & Other Menu Changes for Next Week

School Christmas lunch is next Thursday (15th). All children are welcome to wear a festive or winter jumper if they chose to do so. Due to the extra cooking that is required for this, there will be a change to the normal menu so that on Wednesday there will be fish fingers, piri-piri chicken and vegetarian chilli wraps. On Friday as a special treat, the menu will be the children's choice! Our cook Lisa is getting all the children to vote for their favourite dishes and I will announce the winning menu in next week's newsletter!



Safety

We have had three instances this term of pupils getting lost **AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY THE SCHOOL TO THEIR PARENTS/CARERS CARE.** Fortunately in all cases the children were found safe and well although understandably distressed. I have spoken to the children in last week's assembly to remind them that if they get separated from their adult they should return to the school playground and speak to any member of staff. We would ask that you reinforce this message with your child. If you see a child who appears lost or without their parent please contact the school immediately so we can liaise with the relevant parties. Thank you.



Science Challenge – Advance Notice

The second week of January is Science week. As part of this we will be setting a home learning challenge which will involve creating a marble run. Therefore you may wish to keep the cardboard tubes from wrapping paper or tin foil rolls that you accumulate during the holiday period to use in this project.



Playground Equipment

As your children may have told you, we are pleased to confirm that our new playground equipment is finally in operation, during lunch times! However I would stress that no school play equipment should be used after school so please do not allow your children to climb on them. Thank you.



Reception Applications

Please remember that if your child is due to start Reception in September you must apply for their school place by 15th January 2017. If you need any support with this please contact the nursery or the main office.



Reminder

Reception to year 6 finish school on **Friday 16th December at 1 p.m.** Children may bring in toys on this day but please note this is at their own risk and should not include electronic items. Children should be in school uniform.



Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Value(s)
6 Shark	Aaisha	Inspire (Demonstrating an improved attitude to learning)
6 Whale	Nasrine	Heard and Cared For (Caring for other children)
5 Dolphin	Kayaan	Heard and Cared For (Helping others during Maths)
5 Stingray	Alisha	Successful (For an incredibly creative and original Rap song)
4 Octopus	Kayden	Inspire (For making the right choices, hard work and inspiring your class)
4 Seahorse	Bethan	Heard and Cared For (For bringing such a caring nature to our classroom)
3 Lobster	Nailah	Resilience (For working hard to learn the 4 x tables)
3 Turtle	Bianca	Successful (For using onomatopoeia effectively to create a poem)
2 Jellyfish	Jay	Heard and cared For (For simply having a respectful caring nature)
2 Starfish	Aderayo	Heard and Cared For (For always being caring and asking about others)
1 Clownfish	Gabriella	Resilience (For trying extremely hard and independently. A big improvement in all of her work)
1 Lionfish	Toni	Inspire (For inspiring others with her fantastic writing)
Guppy 1	Agnija	Resilience (For trying so hard with her counting this week and not giving up even if challenging)
Guppy 2	Daria	Respect (For tidying and respecting the class environment)

Our stars are awarded in Friday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you we ask them to come to the front in our assembly and they can choose a friend to sit with them at a special table at lunchtime

that day.



House Winners

Congratulations to everyone in **Nelson Mandela** House for having the house points this week.



Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Attendance winners for the 21st – 25th November are: **Shark 100% attendance**

Punctuality winners for the week are: **Whale, Stingray, Seahorse, Lobster, Jellyfish, Lionfish, Guppy 1 and Guppy 2- 0 lates.**

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER				
Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
5 th – 9 th	TBC	All	Christmas gifts on sale (charity fundraiser)	NO
8 th	2.45 p.m.	5D	Dolphin class assembly (in the studio)	YES
	3.45 – 5.00 p.m.	R - 3	Christmas Disco	YES
	5.15 – 6.30 p.m.	4 -6	Christmas Disco	NO
13th	Afternoon	R	Theatre trip	NO
	2.30 p.m.	1 & 2	Nativity performance	YES
14th	10.40 a.m.	N & R	Nativity performances	YES
	2.30 p.m.			
15th		All	Wear a Christmas or winter jumper	NO
	12 p.m.	R - 6	Christmas Dinner	NO
		N	LAST DAY OF NURSERY (NORMAL FINISH TIME)	
16th		R-6	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1 P.M.	

FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL – TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2017